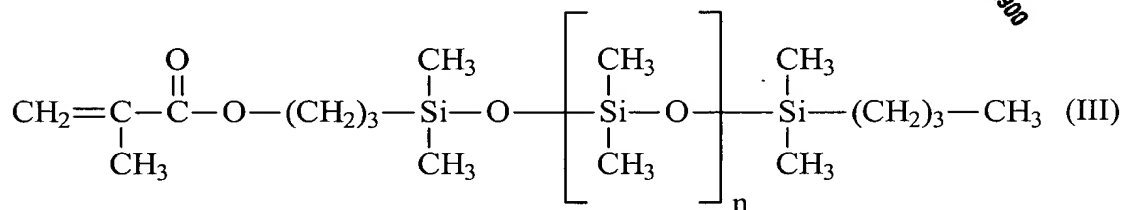


- a) 60 weight % of tert-butyl acrylate;
- b) 20 weight % of acrylic acid;
- c) 20 weight % of silicone macromer of formula (III):



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with n being a number ranging from 1 to 700, the percentages by weight being calculated with respect to the total weight of the monomers.

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending. Claims 8 and 9 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Accordingly, the Applicants do not believe that new matter has been added. Applicants submit that Claims 1-23 are now ready for examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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